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Dear Ms. Hanlon:

I am writing because the Yucca Mountain Project appears to be fast tracked towards a hasty an ill-considered DOE approval despite bountiful scientific evidence, much of it revealed in early DOE studies, which clearly shows that it is simply not a suitable geologic repository for irradiated nuclear fuel. It seems that political considerations, such as Nevada's minimal representation and the Western Shoshone's lack of political clout have been allowed to prevail.

Of particular concern to Voices Opposed to Environmental Racism is the apparent sacrifice zone philosophy being utilized and its unjust impact on the long suffering Western Shoshone people. Rather than compensating these people for the horrors visited upon them in the many years of nuclear bomb testing adjacent to their reservation, or for the usurpation of their land rights the DOE is now asking that the EPA relax its groundwater standard further imperiling their irreplaceable water supply.

Yucca Mountain will eventually leak, this is not an if question, it is a when question. There will certainly be earthquakes, some very powerful. Yucca Mountain will be a constant temptation to terrorists who could wreak untold havoc there. These very real dangers will imperil the entire Western Shoshone Nation, the people of Las Vegas, Nevada tourism, and the safety of milk from dairy farms that supply milk to Southern California.


Sincerely, Donald Keesing, Nuclear Issues Coordinator

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